

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 156

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to recognize Tim McPeake on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Tim McPeake is one such estimable person who has served the Tennessee High School Rodeo Association with distinction for many years; the only Tennessean ever to have held the position, Mr. McPeake served as Tennessee National Director for eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, he has recently taken a much deserved retirement from his position with that esteemed organization; and

WHEREAS, Tim McPeake was also one of the charter members involved in establishing the Tennessee Junior Rodeo Association; Mr. McPeake served that organization as President for nine years; and

WHEREAS, for Mr. McPeake, all of his efforts, all of the time and energy he has devoted to rodeo over the years, have been driven by the pride and joy he experiences on seeing children and young adults discover a sense of accomplishment and learn to love the thrill of rodeo competition; and

WHEREAS, in addition, being involved on the national level has allowed Tim McPeake to make friends and form bonds with competitors, supporters, and organizers from Canada, Australia, and almost all the fifty states; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McPeake has had opportunities to work very closely with some exceptional rodeo riders: for instance, Chad Masters, who began participating in Tennessee Junior Rodeo as an elementary school student and continued through High School Rodeo, went

on to win the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association World Championship Team Roping competition; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McPeake originally became involved in Junior Rodeo when his daughter, Jamie, began rodeoing as a kindergartener; now twenty-eight, Jamie attended the University of Tennessee-Martin on a rodeo scholarship and currently rodeos professionally; and

WHEREAS, having served not only Tennessee High School Rodeo but also Tennessee Junior Rodeo and National High School Rodeo, Tim McPeake has truly distinguished himself in the world of rodeo; and

WHEREAS, the fact that Tim McPeake has never received any remuneration for his efforts makes his service all the more admirable; his reward has been the pleasure of working with young people in the rodeo ring; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. McPeake has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and helping countless young people find joy and satisfaction; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Tim McPeake our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.